Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferatien of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons held its second session at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 27 April to 8 May 1998. The session was opened by Mr. Abdelkader Bensmail, Chief, Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs.

2. At its opening meeting, on 27 April, the Committee unanimously elected Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner (Poland), the representative of the Group of Eastern European States, as Chairman of the second session.

3. The following 97 States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons participated in the work of the Preparatory Committee at its second session: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

4. Pursuant to the Committee's decision taken at its first session, the following States non-parties attended the meeting as observers: Brazil and Israel. Furthermore, representatives of the Organization for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), the South Pacific Forum, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization attended the meetings of the Committee as observers.

5. Pursuant to the Committee's decision, representatives from 76 non-governmental organizations attended the open meetings of the Committee. The Committee also set aside time for presentations by representatives of non-governmental organizations to delegations.

6. The list of the delegations to the Preparatory Committee, including States parties, observer States, specialized agencies and regional intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, is contained in document NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/INF.3.

7. The Preparatory Committee held 16 meetings, of which summary records were provided for the opening meeting, the general exchange of views and the closing meeting (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/SR.1-4 and SR.16). The summary records are issued separately as an annex to the present report.

8. Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Senior Political Affairs Officer of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, served as Secretary of the Committee. Ms. Merle Opelz, Head, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Office in Geneva; Ms. Jan Priest, Head, Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Policy Section, External Relations Division, IAEA, Vienna; and Mr. Vilmos Cserveny, Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Policy Section, External Relations Division, IAEA, Vienna, represented the Agency.

II. PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee

9. The Committee continued to conduct its work on the basis of the agenda adopted at the first session of the Committee (document NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/32, para. 8).

Election of officers

10. At its 1st meeting, on 27 April, the Committee was informed that the Group of Non-Aligned and other States parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty had nominated Mr. Andelfo Garcia Gonzalez (Colombia), to serve as Chairman of the third session. The Committee decided to elect Mr. Garcia as Chairman of the third session. Recalling its decision that the persons elected, when not serving as chairmen, would serve as vice-chairmen, Mr. Garcia was also elected Vice-Chairman of the second session. Furthermore, Mr. Markku Reimaa (Finland) was also elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Dates and venue of the third session

11. At its 1st meeting, the Committee reaffirmed its decision to hold the third session from 12 to 23 April 1999 in New York.

12. The Committee held four meetings on a general exchange of views on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee, in the course of which 33 statements were made. The statements are reflected in the summary records of those meetings (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/SR.1-4).

13. During the session, the Committee had before it the following documents:

NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/1	Note by the Secretariat on estimated cost of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/2 and Corr.1 (English only)	Working paper on security assurances: A South African perspective, submitted by South Africa
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/3	Working paper on input for possible revised Chair's working paper, submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/4	Draft statement on current START standstill, submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/5 and Corr.1 (English only)	Letter dated 28 April 1998 from the Chairman of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries addressed to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting a working paper by the members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries Parties to the Treaty
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/6	Working paper on Cluster one: practical aspects of nuclear disarmament, submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/7	Cluster one: nuclear disarmament, submitted by Switzerland
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/8	Letter dated 29 April 1998 from the Head of the Delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland addressed to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting a statement by the delegations of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/9	Working paper on Cluster one: some additional elements to be incorporated in the recommendations to the 2000 Review Conference, submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/10	Proposed language for inclusion in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session, submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/11	Text on nuclear disarmament for the rolling text, submitted by Australia
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/12	Working paper on Cluster one issues: article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, submitted by South Africa

NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/13	Nuclear-weapon-free zones (to replace New Zealand text in annex II, paragraph 4, of NPT/CONF.2000/PC.I/32), submitted by New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/14	Proposed language for inclusion in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session, submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/15	Working paper on Cluster one: nuclear disarmament, submitted by Finland
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/16	Proposed language for inclusion in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session, submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/17	Possible products of the Non-Proliferation Treaty's strengthened review process: (a) the Preparatory Committee; (b) the 2000 Review Conference, working paper submitted by South Africa
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/18	Letter dated 4 May 1998 from the Head of the Delegation of Uzbekistan addressed to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting a working paper by the delegations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/19	Letter dated 4 May 1998 from the Alternate Leader of the Delegation of Myanmar addressed to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting a statement by the ASEAN countries on the South East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/20	Cluster Three: Peaceful uses of nuclear energy, working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/21	Cluster Three: Peaceful uses of nuclear energy, working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/22	The resolution on the Middle East, working paper submitted by Egypt
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/23	The 1995 resolution on the Middle East, working paper submitted by Bahrain on behalf of the Arab States
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/24 and Corr.1	Letter dated 4 May 1998 from the Deputy Head of the Delegation of Poland addressed to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting a statement by the delegations of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/25	Proposed language for inclusion in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session, submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/26	Proposals for inclusion in the Chairman's working paper at the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 NPT Review Conference, submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/27	Summary of Canadian proposals, submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/28	Language to be included in the Chairman's working paper, submitted by Sweden
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/29	Cluster Two: article III, submitted by Turkey
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/30	Updated draft recommendations for the report of the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, submitted by the European Union
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/31	Letter dated 7 May 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina in Geneva addressed to the Secretariat of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting, on behalf of Argentina and Chile, the Joint Declaration by Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay on the transport of radioactive waste, the Declaration of OPANAL on the transport of radioactive waste and paragraph 23 of the Declaration of San Salvador adopted by the Organization of American States on confidence- and security-building measures
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/32	Letters dated 7 May 1998 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Permanent Mission of Qatar, in Geneva, addressed to the Secretariat of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting the communiqué of the Eighth Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the communiqué and resolutions of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/33	Letter dated 8 May 1998 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea in Geneva addressed to the Secretariat of the Preparatory Committee, transmitting the Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/34	Proposals for inclusion in the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session, submitted by Canada

NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/35	Chairman's working paper
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/CRP.1	Draft rules of procedure for the 2000 Review Conference
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/CRP.1/Add.1	Schedule of division of costs
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/CRP.2	Draft report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/CRP.3 (English only)	Chairman's working paper
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/INF.3	List of participants
NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/SR.1-4 and SR.16	Summary records

B. Organization of the 2000 Review Conference

14. The Preparatory Committee, in conformity with its task of preparing for the 2000 Review Conference, considered issues contained in agenda item 7. It took the following actions:

(a) Dates and venue of the Conference. At its 1st meeting, on 27 April, the Committee reaffirmed its agreement to convene the 2000 Review Conference from 24 April to 19 May 2000 in New York;

(b) Draft rules of procedure of the Review Conference. The Committee considered the draft rules of procedure for the 2000 Review Conference (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/CRP.1), and decided to defer a decision on the draft rules of procedure to the third session;

(c) Financing of the Review Conference, including its Preparatory Committee. In accordance with the Committee's request made at its first session, the Secretariat provided an estimate of the costs of the 2000 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, including its Preparatory Committee (NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/1). The Committee took note of the cost estimates. It also agreed to the schedule of division of costs contained in document NPT/CONF.2000/PC.II/CRP.1/Add.1;

(d) Other procedural matters. During the second session of the Preparatory Committee, discussions were held with regard to procedural preparations for the next Review Conference, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the 1995 Decision on "Strengthening the review process for the Treaty". In that context certain recommendations were put forward concerning such procedural preparations, in particular, proposals pursuant to paragraph 6 of the 1995 Decision. At the current stage no decision was taken with regard to those proposals, which the Committee decided to refer to the third session of the Preparatory Committee for further consideration.

Annex

SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

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